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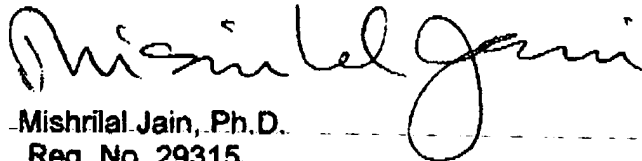
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Responsive to the Office action dated September 29, 2003 making a restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention defined by Group II, claims 16-18 in the above-identified patent application.

An early examination on the merits is now earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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